

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

15. (New) A construction kit for a spring-driven cable drum, comprising:
a pre-assembled drum core having a housing which forms a winding surface for the cable and which contains at least one spiral spring and at least one spring anchor hub, said pre-assembled drum core having an axle channel passing right through it with no axle, and said spring anchor hub being held in a substantially axial way within said axle channel by said spiral spring; and
a separate axle which can be axially inserted into said axle channel from either side of said pre-assembled drum core, wherein insertion of said axle into said axle channel establishes in either case a form-fit rotary coupling between said spring anchor hub and said separate axle.
16. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 15, wherein said form-fit rotary coupling between said spring anchor hub and said axle is provided by a key.
17. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 16, wherein:
said form-fit rotary coupling between said spring anchor hub and said axle is provided by a cylindrical key which is housed with a loose fit in a longitudinal bore provided in said spring anchor hub;
and said axle is provided with a longitudinal cylindrical key groove.
18. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 15, wherein said pre-assembled drum core is equipped with two ball bearings of equal size, each forming one exit hole of said axle channel in said drum core.
19. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 18, including a fixing flange which can be fixed to one end of said axle and has a cylindrical extension dimensioned so as to form with said inner ring of said two ball bearings a sliding fit.

20. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 19, including a bush which is inserted into said inner ring of said opposite ball bearing and is dimensioned so as to form a sliding fit with the latter.
21. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 20, comprising a locking means to axially lock said bush on said axle.
22. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 15, further comprising a slip ring unit including:
a fixed slip ring stack clamped to said second end of said axle; and
a slip ring unit housing with collectors;
wherein said pre-assembled drum core is provided on both sides with means of attachment for said slip ring unit housing, so that said slip ring unit can be mounted on either side of said pre-assembled drum core depending on the desired direction of unwinding.
23. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 15, said pre-assembled drum core containing:
a first spring unit comprising a first spring cassette and a first spiral spring, wherein an outer end of said first spiral spring is seated on said first spring cassette;
a first spring anchor hub, which is held axially in said axle channel by said outer end of said first spiral spring;
a second spring unit comprising a second spring cassette and a second spiral spring, wherein an outer end of said second spiral spring is seated on said second spring cassette; and
a second spring anchor hub.

24. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 23, wherein:
said second spring anchor hub is held axially in said axle channel by said outer end of said second spiral spring;
a form-fit rotary coupling is formed between said first spring anchor hub and said axle and between said second spring anchor hub and said axle, when said axle is inserted into said axle channel;
and the two spring cassettes are fixed in a rotation transmitting way to said housing of said drum core so that said first and second spiral springs are coupled in parallel.
25. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 24, including at least one pin for fixing at least one of said spring cassettes in a rotation transmitting way to said housing of said drum core.
26. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 23, wherein:
said second spring anchor hub is fixed in a rotation transmitting way to said first spring cassette;
insertion of said axle into said axle channel results in a form-fit rotary coupling between said first spring anchor hub and said axle, but not between said second spring anchor hub and said axle; and
said second spring cassette is fixed in a rotation transmitting way to said housing of said drum core, but said first spring cassette is not fixed in a rotation transmitting way to said housing of said drum core, so that said first and second spiral springs are coupled in series.
27. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 15, wherein said housing of said pre-assembled drum core is a cylindrical body having a shell that directly forms a winding surface for a cable.
28. (New) The construction kit according to Claim 27, including a set of round plates, one of said round plates being attached to each side of said pre-assembled drum core.